ABSTRACT

A method and system for adapting a computing device in response to changes in an environment surrounding the computing device, or in response to the user's stated

5   preferences. The computing device includes one or more sensors that sense the environment. A changed characteristic of the environment is detected. A determination is made as to one or more settings to change in response to the changed characteristic. Then one or more of the settings are changed

10   to cause the computing device to interact with the user in a different mode. A mode may include which inputs, outputs, and/or processes are used to communicate with the user. A mode may also include how an application formats output or receives input.